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TAGS: ETRD EAGR JA

SUBJ: U.S. WOOD AND CHIP EXPORTS TO JAPAN

SUMMARY: MITI CONCERNED RE WEYERHAUSER DESIRE FOR OVER 40 PERCENT INCREASE IN CONTRACT PRICE U.S. WOOD CHIP EXPORTS TO JAPAN. END SUMMARY.

1. ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS, MR ISHII, DIRECTOR, AMERICAS AND OCEANIA DIV, INTERNATIONAL TRADE POLICY BUREAU, MITI MET WITH COMCOUNS, COMATT, EXPRESSED CONCERN RE WEYERHAUSER'S DESIRE TO RAISE BY OVER 40 PERCENT CONTRACT PRICE ON ITS U.S. WOOD CHIP EXPORTS TO JAPAN.

2. WEYERHAUSE EXPORTS WOOD CHIP TO JAPAN THROUGH SIX TRADING FIRMS, AND ACCOUNTS FOR ROUGHLY 25 PERCENT OF JAPAN'S TOTAL WOOD CHIP IMPORTS FROM U.S.

3. CONTRACTS CONTAIN ESCALATION CLAUSE BASED ON "FORCE MAJEURE". IF TRADING COMPANIES ACCEDE TO WEYERHAUSER'S REQUEST, WITH RESULTANT HIKES IN ALREADY SENSITIVE RETAIL PAPER PRICES, MITI

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CONCERNED RE DIET ANGER (WHICH ISHII FEARS WOULD BE DIRECTED

AT MITI).

4. ISHII NOTED HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT USG LIFTED PRICE CONTROLS
U.S. WOOD FIBERS UPON REACHING AGREEMENT WITH U.S. WOOD FIBER
INDUSTRY THAT DOMESTIC U.S. PRICES WOULD NOT BE INCREASED
UNREASONABLY AND THAT EXPORT VOLUMES WOULD ALSO NOT BE INCREASED.
EMBASSY UNAWARE OF SUCH AGREEMENT.

5. ISHII DID NOT REQUEST SPECIFIC USG ACTION BUT EMBASSY WOULD
APPRECIATE RECEIVING DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS.
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